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Fertilizing orchards.—A year or more ago the Cornell N. Y. Experiment Station published the conclusion that their experiments did not warrant the fertilization of apple orchards. It would seem that it is merely a matter of natural soil fertility. The Pennsylvania Station on the other hand has published a conclusion just the most remarkable results. Unfertilized trees in one instance have averaged 136.7 bushels an acre while the same variety well-supplied with fertilizers in the adjoining rows averaged 542.4 bushels an acre. The trees were supplied with manure, nitrogen and potash only, made an average of 351 bushels a year for five years, while the unfertilized row made an average of 164 bushels an acre. The crop on the unfertilized row was 17.5 bushels an acre while the fertilized trees made but 73.2 bushels an acre. On another plot the unfertilized trees made an average for four years of 156.7 bushels an acre, while the trees that had a 100 lb. of stable manure made an average in the same year of 527.5 bushels an acre. Trees that received nitrogen and phosphoric acid made in one season 1558 bushels an acre.

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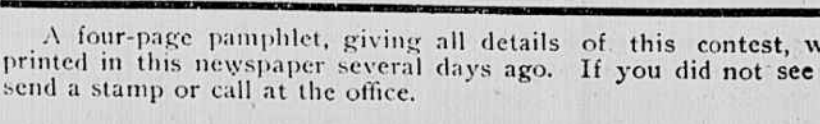
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